SUBJECT No. 269.

Increase in the number of students in the Normal School.

Mr. Srinivasaraghavachar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—The number of students admissible to the Normal School, Upper Secondary and Pandit classes may be increased. Sanatana Dharma may be prescribed as a subject for examination in these classes and in other Sanskrit Colleges.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 270.

Admission of non-Brahmins into the Sanskrit Colleges at Mysore and Bangalore.

(*a*) Mr. Channabasava Wodayar, Devanahalli Taluk.

(*b*) Messrs. Revanasiddia and Gurulingappa, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) In the Maharaja's Sanskrit Colleges at Mysore and Bangalore admission is given only to Brahmins. The education of other high caste Hindus may be protected by the grant of free admission to them also.

(*b*) The admission of Veersaiva students into the Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore is being prayed for for the past two years. It is prayed that favourable orders may be passed early in the matter.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar and Srinivasaraghavachar argued against the proposal, to the effect that Brahmin Pandits and students of these Colleges had prejudices and scruples against the admission of non-Brahmins, and that such admission would imperil the smooth working or the very existence of these Colleges. Another member observed that similar difficulties and prejudices existed at one time in regard to the Maharani's College for girls, that they had since been mitigated, and that the solution of the question was necessarily a matter of time.

Reply of Government.—The difficulties explained by Mr. Raghavachar and others, in the way of accepting the suggestion contained in the representation, are real. It is impossible to issue an order irrespective of time and circumstance and run the risk of causing a deadlock in Sanskrit Colleges and possibly also disaffection between important sections of the Maharaja's subjects.

The existing objections and difficulties may be expected to wear away in course of a little time.

SUBJECT No. 271.

Freeships in schools.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—That the number of freeships in all the schools be raised to 25%.

Reply of Government.—The Government cannot increase the number of freeships. Private benevolence may come to the aid of poor students who are unable to pay fees.

SUBJECT No. 272.

Scholarships for Honors course.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—That ten scholarships of Rs. 25 a month be given every year for those who study for the Honors course either in or outside the State.

Reply of Government.—If the scholarships sanctioned are taken advantage of, the subject of increasing the number of scholarships will be considered. The number of scholarships is sufficient for the present.